

into consideration the financial condition of the State, also the amendment thereto offered by Mr. Mitchell was taken up and on motion of Mr. Shepard indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Burnett the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Thursday, November 14, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Graham presented the certificate of election of Honorable J. J. Dickson, Senator-elect from the 15th Senatorial District, whereupon Mr. Dickson came forward and took the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

Mr. Jordan presented the petition of Samuel Everett. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Parsons presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Rusk praying the prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Bellview. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Selman introduced a bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an Act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors passed February, 1850. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Reed introduced bill to amend Article 649, section 16, O. & W. Digest [Williamson S. Oldham and George W. White, **A Digest of the General Statute Laws of the State of Texas**, 1859], passed March 16, 1848, regulating the mode of opening returns of elections. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Wheeler introduced a bill to authorize the county court of Angelina County to regulate the pay of the sheriff therein in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Cooke introduced a bill for the benefit of irrigable property. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Crawford of Fannin introduced a bill exempting certain property of Texas troops in the Confederate Army from taxation. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Finlay introduced a bill to incorporate the Galveston and Beaumont Rail Road and Steam Ferry Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed: bill supplementary to an Act authorizing the

issuing of duplicate land warrants, discharges and duplicate headright claims upon certain conditions; bill to amend the 4th section of an Act of May 12, 1846, and to amend the 2nd section of an Act of February 11, 1854, to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the propriety of repealing Articles 952-953-954—and 955 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

A bill granting preempting privileges to actual settlers was on Mr. Graham's motion made the special order for Monday 25th instant.

A bill to amend Article 284 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill supplementary to an Act authorizing the issuing of duplicate land warrants, discharges and duplicate headright claims upon certain conditions. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend the first section of an Act to amend the fourth section of the Act of May 12, 1846, to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law and to amend the 2nd section of the Act of February 11, 1854, to amend the 9th and 10th sections of an Act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law. Read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, November 15, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

November 15, 1861

**Gentlemen of the Senate and
House of Representatives:**

I have this morning learned for the first time that this day has been set apart by the proclamation of the President of the Confederate States as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer and by it the clergy and the people of the Confederate States are invited to repair to their usual